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The appeal brief file March 19, 2004 is defective in that it presents as evidence a reference not previously of record (viz. Brenner et al Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 95: 6073 (1998)). Entry of new evidence in an application on appeal is not a matter of right (MPEP 1207) and must be submitted as a paper separate from the appeal brief. In addition, any amendment, affidavit, or other new evidence on appeal is governed by 37 CFR §§ 1.116 and 1.195 (MPEP 1207). Since none of these conditions has been complied with, the appeal brief is defective.

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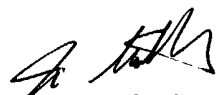
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